

II. Remarks

On March 30, 2004, the present application (Application No.: 10/813,416) was filed. The filing of the present application included five sheets of Formal Drawings along with a Transmittal sheet, Title Page, Specification, check in the amount of \$1,148.00, a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, an Assignment, and a return receipt postcard. Please see copies of Utility Patent Application Transmittal, United States Postal Service Express Mail Label (U.S.P.S.), and return receipt postcard indicating the contents of the items mailed on March 30, 2004.

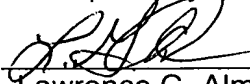
Subsequently, a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application was mailed by the Initial Patent Examination Division on June 14, 2004, stating that the filing date has not been accorded to the present application because the application was deposited without drawings. The applicants refer the Commissioner to the copy of the return receipt postcard indicating that five sheets of formal drawings were in fact included as part of the items mailed with the present application on March 30, 2004. Since the filing of the present application properly included the five sheets of drawings, Applicants assert that the filing date of the application with drawings should be March 30, 2004 as originally filed.

Moreover, it is asserted that the attachment of the drawings is allowed without requiring the payment of the Petition fee. As a precautionary matter, if the Petition fee of \$130.00 is required, authorization is given to charge the Petition fee to the undersigns' deposit account number 23-1925. If the fee is not required, Applicants herein request that the Petition fee be immediately refunded.

July 14, 2004

Date

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Attachments: Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application
Copy of Formal Drawings (five sheets) as filed on March 30, 2004
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